

In The Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A lacrosse goalie stick head for attachment to a lacrosse stick, comprising:

a frame element including:

a rear arcuate wall;

a pair of opposing sidewalls extending generally outwardly from said rear arcuate wall; and

a scoop located opposite said rear arcuate wall which connects said pair of opposing sidewalls;

said frame element defining an open area for receiving a lacrosse ball;

a throat portion connecting to and extending rearwardly from said rear arcuate wall, said throat portion having a socket formed therein for receipt of a lacrosse stick;

a plurality of net attachment structures formed in the goalie stick head for attachment of a netting thereto; and

at least one flange extending generally outwardly away from said open area to assist in directing, said lacrosse ball into said open area, said at least one flange being attached to the lacrosse head adjacent an upper rim;

whereby said sidewalls are generally outwardly inclined adjacent said base to assist in directing said lacrosse ball into said open area.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) A goalie stick head as recited in claim [2] 1 wherein said flange is attached to said upper edge of said frame element.

4. (Original) A goalie stick head as recited in claim 1 wherein said traverse top wall, said pair of opposing sidewalls, said base, and said at least one flange are formed integrally as one unitary structure.

5. (Original) A goalie stick head as recited in claim 1 wherein said at least one flange is attached to a first sidewall of said pair of sidewalls and the head further comprises:

a second flange attached to a second sidewall of said pair of sidewalls.

6. (Original) A goalie stick head as recited in claim 5 wherein said first flange and said second flange each have a longitudinal edge on an outer periphery that diverge with respect to a centerline of said throat portion.

7. (Original) A goalie stick head as recited in claim 5, wherein said first flange and said second flange each have a longitudinal edge on an outer periphery that are configured such that said frame element has a generally rectangular periphery.

8. (Original) A goalie stick head as recited in claim 5 wherein said first sidewall and said second sidewall further comprise:

a plurality of slots; and

a plurality of ribs, wherein each rib of said plurality of ribs is located between a pair of slots of said plurality of slots.

9. (Original) A goalie stick head as recited in claim 8 wherein said plurality of ribs attach to each of said first flange and said second flange.

10. (Original) A goalie stick head as recited in claim 8 wherein said plurality of slots and said plurality of ribs are formed integrally with the head frame.

11. (Original) A goalie stick head as recited in claim 5 wherein said first flange and said second flange have a rearward sloping lip portion that extends from said base portion, said rearward sloping lip intended to assist in guiding said lacrosse ball into said open area.

12. (Original) A goalie stick head as recited in claim 11 wherein said scoop, said first flange, said inward sloping lip, and said second flange form an inward sloping perimeter around said open area.

13. (Original) A goalie stick head as recited in claim 11 wherein said scoop is located forwardly of a plane defined by the upper surface of said base.

14. (Original) A goalie stick head as recited in claim 1, wherein said throat portion has at least one recess formed therein to accommodate a user's finger.

15. (Original) A goalie stick head as recited in claim 1 wherein the lacrosse goalie stick head further comprises:

an upper portion; and

a lower portion, wherein said upper portion and said lower portion are integrally connected and form a ridge therebetween;

said ridge being continuous around the perimeter of an outer surface of said frame element.

16. (Original) A goalie stick head as recited in claim 1 wherein the lacrosse goalie stick head is formed by an injection molding process.

17. (Original) A goalie stick head as recited in claim 1 wherein the lacrosse goalie stick head is formed from one of the following urethane, nylon, polyvinyl chloride, polyester, or a plastic material.

18. (Currently Amended) A lacrosse goalie stick head for attachment to a lacrosse stick, comprising:

a frame element having a rear arcuate wall, a pair of opposing sidewalls extending generally outwardly from said rear arcuate wall, and a scoop located opposite said rear arcuate wall, which connects said pair of opposing sidewalls;

said frame element defining an open area for receiving a lacrosse ball, said open area having a generally spoon-like shape;

a throat portion connecting to and extending rearwardly from said rear arcuate wall, said throat portion having a socket formed therein for receipt of a lacrosse stick;

a plurality of net attachment locations formed in the goalie stick head for attachment of a netting thereto; and

each of said pair of opposing sidewalls having at least one flange consisting of a surface extending generally outwardly away from said open area, each of said at least one flange having an outer surface that is raised with respect to an inner surface.

19. (Original) A goalie stick head as recited in claim 18 wherein said at least one flange extends generally outwardly from one of said pair of opposing sidewalls, the head further comprises:

a second flange attached to a second sidewall of said pair of sidewalls.

20. (Original) A goalie stick head as recited in claim 18 wherein an outer surface of each of said first flange and said second flange diverges from a centerline of said throat portion.

21. (Original) The goalie stick head as recited in claim 18, wherein at least a portion of said at least one flange constitutes an inward lip that extends from said rear arcuate wall away from said open area.

22. (Original) The goalie stick head as recited in claim 21, wherein said inward lip has an outer surface that is raised with respect to said rear arcuate wall.

23. (Original) The goalie stick head as recited in claim 19 wherein at least one of said first flange or said second flange has a plurality of stiffening structures in contact with an underside of said flange.

24. (Original) The goalie stick head as recited in claim 18, wherein said at least one flange is planar between said inner surface and said outer surface.

25. (Original) The goalie stick head as recited in claim 18, wherein said at least one flange is curved between said inner surface and said outer surface.

26. (Original) The goalie stick head as recited in claim 18, wherein said throat portion has at least one recess formed therein for receipt of a user's finger.

27. (Currently Amended) A lacrosse goalie stick head, comprising:
a base;
a pair of sidewalls that extend from said base;
a scoop located opposite said base and connecting said pair of sidewalls;
said base, said pair of sidewalls, and said scoop define an open area therebetween for receiving a lacrosse ball;
a throat portion extending generally rearwardly from said base, said throat portion having a socket formed therein for receipt of a lacrosse stick; and
each of said pair of sidewalls having an outwardly extending portion, which is intended to contact a lacrosse ball on its top surface;

an inwardly extending lip that extends from said base in a direction away from said open area.

28. (Original) The goalie stick head as recited in claim 27, wherein said outwardly portion is attached to an upper portion of each of said sidewalls.

29. (Original) The goalie stick head as recited in claim 27, wherein said outwardly extending portion is attached to an upper periphery of said at least one sidewall.

30. (Original) The goalie stick head as recited in claim 27, wherein said each of said outwardly extending portions is inclined such that an outer edge is raised with respect to an inner edge.

31. (Original) The goalie stick head as recited in claim 30, wherein each of said outwardly extending portions is planar between said outer edge and said inner edge.

32. (Original) The goalie stick head as recited in claim 30, wherein each of said outwardly extending portions is curved between said outer edge and said inner edge.

33. (Original) The goalie stick head as recited in claim 27, wherein each of said outwardly extending portions has an outer edge that is raised with respect to an upper periphery of each of said sidewalls.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Original) The goalie stick head as recited in claim 27, wherein each of said outwardly extending portions has a plurality of support structures in contact with an underside thereof.

36. (Currently Amended) A lacrosse goalie stick head, comprising:
a base;
a pair of sidewalls that extend from said base;
a scoop located opposite said base and connecting said pair of sidewalls;
an open area for receiving a lacrosse ball being defined by said base, said pair of sidewalls, and said scoop.

a throat portion extending generally rearwardly from said base, said throat portion having a socket formed therein for receipt of a lacrosse stick; and

an outwardly extending flange attached to a top surface of each of said sidewalls in order to significantly increase the blocking area of the lacrosse heads;

wherein said outwardly extending least one flange is generally planar between an inner surface located adjacent said open area and an outer surface located remote from said open area.

37. (New) A lacrosse goalie stick head, comprising;

a base;

a pair of sidewalls that extend from said base and connect to a scoop located opposite side base;

an open area for receiving a lacrosse ball being defined by said pair of sidewalls and said scoop; said open area having a generally spoon-like shape;

a throat portion extending rearwardly from said rear arcuate wall for connection with a lacrosse handle;

each of said pair of opposing sidewalls having at least one flange extending generally outwardly from said open area; and

a plurality of support structures in contrast with an underside thereof.